

## Bridget O'Keefe

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**From:** Gregory Shepler <gregoryshepler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 1:37 PM  
**To:** Bridget O'Keefe  
**Subject:** Fwd: Redistricting Comm.

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Bridget (& Diane):

Based on the extended d-line for public comments, I'm submitting two, both from individuals involved in political musings from Ward 5.

Below are **comments from Bill Keogh** (who was originally selected as the redistricting rep from Ward 5 but had to step down bec. of the language in the resolution preventing past city councilors &/or school board members from being on the committee). When Bill stepped down, I was the Ward 5 alternate & soon became the redistricting rep.

Thanks for adding these comments to the public record!

carry on,  
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**From:** Bill Keogh <[bkeoghsr@yahoo.com](mailto:bkeoghsr@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Dec 16, 2021 at 3:12 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting Comm.  
**To:** Gregory Shepler <[gregoryshepler@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryshepler@gmail.com)>

Thanks Greg for the opportunity....Regarding the number of Councilors, I think anywhere from 9-12 works To have District Councilors spread over two wards is cumbersome. For example, Joan Shannon's district spans from Burlington Country Club to Oakledge Park. It is both expensive and a detachment from many constituents. Then the valid question arises about the number of wards. No pat answer. Maybe it is best to keep the structure we have and make some adjustments in those wards that do not comply with the criteria.

But this is a political venture. By taking the Ward 8 line and encroaching onto Ward 6, you might be watering down student (Progressive) votes with likely Democrats in Ward 6. That may have to happen anyway.....Don't know if the ad hoc committee has access to Mapquest, a computer program that is a necessary tool to make any adjustments. Without that tool, it is impossible to come to any conclusions. Being onsite, you and others can make some sort of recommendation. Council will take the ad hoc committee's recommendation under advisement and then do their own thing....Good luck.

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**From:** [Gregory Shepler](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:38 AM  
**To:** [Bill Keogh](#)  
**Cc:** [Kolby LaMarche](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting Comm.

Bill,

The Redistricting Committee has its last official public meeting this Wednesday with the goal of summarizing public comments, then sharing those comments & suggestions to CC. I know you are busy but I also know you have some thoughts on this topic. I was wondering if you'd be willing (& have the time?) to send an email to me about your ideas / suggestions / concerns. Please note that I'd be forwarding your comments "as is" to CEDO & they would in turn be shared with our committee & become part of the public record. I'm sure you are aware of how this process works. BTW: enjoyed your last column on "the ax." I've witnessed similar needs to "use the ax" during rambling & repetitive public comments in our committee meetings & in the NPA meetings. Hopefully your suggestions will provide subtle, respectful, & useful guidance for anyone participating or facilitating public meetings. Please email me & / or Kolby (cc'ed here) with any thoughts you have on redistricting by 5pm tomorrow.

Thanks!

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